

Weekly Views

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*"Far away there in the sunshine
are my highest aspirations. I
may not reach them, but I can
look up and see their beauty,
believe in them, and try to
follow where they lead." ~
Louisa May Alcott*



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The Student Hair Care Kick-off occurred this week for students at the Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility. The facility recently revamped one of the classrooms at the school to accommodate a mini-salon, complete with a new floor, shampoo sinks, chairs, stand-alone hair dryers, and a waiting area. Licensed beauticians from Fantastic Sams Hair Salon provided hair care services ranging from relaxers and trimmings to shampoos and sets. The hours of operation will be every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (see photo, right).



The Spring Package Sale for offenders at the New Castle Correctional Facility resulted in \$5,400 in profit that will be used to buy gifts for the Toys for Tots program this coming December.

Plainfield Correctional Facility staff visited a Criminal Law class at the Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis to discuss with students the current punitive and rehabilitative theories practiced in corrections.

This weekend, Correctional Industrial Facility is hosting its fifth Kairos event. The event will include three days of carefully coordinated talks, meditations, worship, and music.

National Library Week is being celebrated at the Madison Correctional Facility all week. Offender librarians are planning special daily activities such as quizzes, scavenger hunts, and other puzzles and games designed for learning about the library's resources.

Pendleton Correctional Facility hosted the quarterly Pendleton Facilities Community Advisory Board Meeting this week.

The Praise Team at Plainfield Correctional Facility performed an Easter program for the offender population. The program was designed to be an educational experience for the audience, highlighting the individuals and events comprising the Easter tradition.

Camp Summit hosted a group of 20 Criminal Justice majors from St. Joseph College this week for a career day question and answer session and tour. This annual event was well received and may result in recruiting future DOC employees.



Wabash Valley Correctional Facility's Community Advisory Board met this week, with guest speaker Dr. Jamie Wiles telling them about the new Special Needs Unit for offenders with mental health issues. Two local television stations covered the event (see photo, left).

The Indiana Women's Prison received a certificate from the Susan G. Komen Foundation for participating in the "Paint the Town Pink" event. The purpose of the event was to bring awareness to breast care and health.

The Plainfield Correctional Complex held a quarterly Community Advisory Board meeting at the Plainfield Re-entry Educational Facility to discuss current events at the facilities.

A college class from the University of Saint Francis located in Fort Wayne toured the Pendleton Correctional Facility.

The Indiana Women's Prison Community Outreach Department made 600 Easter baskets and stuffed animals. The items were delivered to School 14 and the Family Preservation Center.

Pendleton Correctional Facility donated four trellises made of oak to the Madison-Hancock Christian School in Pendleton. These pieces were made in the facility's PEN Products operation.

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner